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In re Patent Application of:

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Title: "MODULAR LATCH APPARATUS
AND METHOD"

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment for the above-identified application. No additional claim or extension fees are required. In the event Applicants have overlooked the need to request an extension of time, please consider this such a request. Please charge or credit Deposit Account No. 13-3080 with any shortage or overpayment of the fees associated with this communication.

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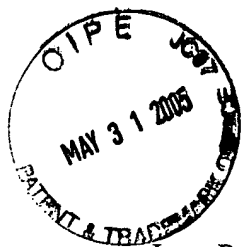
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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In response to the Office action dated April 25, 2005, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.